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SUBJECT: ISRAELI REACTION TO KUWAITI UNGA SPEECH

1. SHORTLY AFTER KUWAITI FONMIN HAD DELIVERED GA GENERAL DEBATE SPEECH SEPT 30, ISRAELI MISSION OFFICER (LAMDAN) EXPRESSED ASTONISHMENT TO DELOFF AT MILDNESS OF REMARKS RE ISRAEL. HE CONTRASTED SPECIFIC CALL FOR "MANDATORY SANCTIONS" AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA WITH MORE GENERAL REFERENCE TO CHAPTER VII PROVISIONS VIS-A-VIS ISRAEL. HE ALSO CONSIDERED SIGNIFICANT TOTAL OMISSION OF REFERENCE TO PLO AND PALESTINIAN STATE OR ENTITY. (SPEECH CITES PALESTINIANS' INALIENABLE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HOMELAND IN PALESTINE.) THE ABSENCE OF ANY REFERENCE TO LEBANON WAS ALSO NOTED BY LAMDAN.

2. COMMENT. SPEECH WAS INDEED VERY MODERATE AND LACK OF MENTION OF PLO APPEARS TO REFLECT CHANGE IN KUWAITI ATTITUDE. WHETHER CALL FOR "HOMELAND IN PALESTINE" IS SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT FROM SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE WOULD SEEM TO BE OPEN TO QUESTION.
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